

Our Mission

Trinity Fellowship Church exists to glorify God by equipping a community of believers to worship God and be witnesses of Him in Central Arkansas and to the ends of the earth.



Our Vision

Trinity Fellowship Church strives to be a Bible-believing, Christ-centered, grace-filled, and gospel-driven community where every member is equipped and encouraged to minister and witness according to their God-given abilities.



The Pastor's Column

In the Heat of Summer...and Debate!

“Though we’ve only been here a few months, central Arkansas is starting to feel more like home. We’re settling into the location of our home and its surroundings, but it’s the people that really make a place feel like home. A place to belong, to share life and invest in big and small ways. Thank you for praying and for investing in our lives as we prepare for our first Arkansas summer. I like it warm, and I know humidity...but this is ridiculous.

Can I make a motion for a church swimming pool? While the Deacons discuss the viability and wisdom of that motion (hopefully not for too long 😊), I’ll mention some of the debate and decisions that came out of the 45th General Assembly (GA) last month. The Assembly was held in Greensboro, North Carolina this year with just over 1,300 commissioners (Ruling and Teaching Elders) in attendance. It’s an important week in the life of our denomination as these men, and many woman as well, spend time in worship, seminars, fellowship and hearing about the work of permanent committees of the church. Oh, and there’s also some time for debate on the floor! Each year there are presbyteries (group of PCA churches in a specific geographical area) who present overtures to the GA. Most of the time, these overtures are a recommendation for the PCA at large to adjust, change or correct its constitution or practices. In essence, the way we do business as a church. This year there were 25 overtures submitted to GA which addressed topics such as amending the Rules of the Assembly, changing language to the Book of Church (BCO), revising committee responsibilities, changing presbytery boundaries, forming new presbyteries, and calling into question the actions of the previous GA. Heard enough? Me too.

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Fellowship Focus

Fellowship Committee:

Joy Denley, Melissa Gorter, Leah Lukas,
Ron Plate (Chair), Heath Warbritton, Leslie Wheat

July Fellowship Lunch

Our July Fellowship Lunch will be held on Sunday, July 9th, immediately following our worship service. Darrel Croswell's MCG is responsible for set up and clean up for this month's lunch.

Church Pool Party

Our annual Pool Party will be Saturday, August 5th, from 9:00-11:00 am at the Dowell-Naylor Aquatic Center in Maumelle. Mark your calendars!

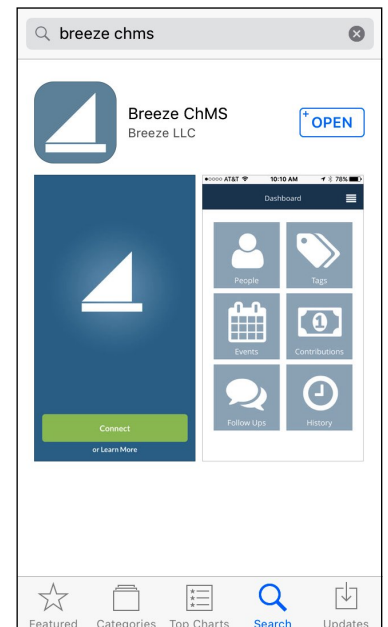
Bookkeeper Bytes

Did You Know???

Did you know you can access up-to-date TFC Directory information from your tablet or smart phone? There's an app for iPhone, iPad, and Android users! The database software we use is called Breeze Church Management System. Search for "Breeze CHMS" in the app store. Log in with the same user name and password as our TFC website. You can access phone numbers, e-mails, street addresses, and even a Google map with driving directions!

Did you know you can keep track of your contributions to the church through Breeze, too? Every time you write a check to TFC, whether it is an offering, a mission pledge, payment for a retreat or youth event, it is entered into Breeze. Find yourself in the "people" section and click on "Contributions" in the left-hand column (on a laptop/desktop) or the dollar bill symbol on the top row (on your tablet or phone app). Choose your start and end dates. Click on any entry to see details, such as check number, fund to which it was credited, and memo field notes.

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In the months ahead there will be good summaries of the actions taken at GA; however, there are a few things that I would like to make you aware of in the time immediately following. Last year the Assembly formed a study committee on the Role of Women in the Church, and this year received the report of that committee. This committee never intended to challenge or question the biblical qualifications for elder or deacon, but they did provide some recommendations to the GA. These recommendations were general in nature and will not change the views or practices of the lower courts. The committee acknowledged that there are a variety of views and practices regarding the way in which women serve the Lord and his church that are within biblical parameters. They also encouraged all the courts (sessions, presbyteries and GA) to recognize and utilize the gifts, knowledge, skills and wisdom of godly women not just in the local church but also in the work of committees and agencies at the regional and national levels. I think the committee's work was good, even if not earth shattering. We are constantly learning and processing how to encourage non-ordained men and women to use their gifts and skills in the church.

The GA voted to recommit the overture which asked the denomination to give full constitutional authority to the chapter we have on the "Solemnization of Marriage" in the Directory for Worship of the BCO. Most chapters in the Directory for Worship are an approved guide to be taken seriously by the Church, but those that have constitutional authority are considering obligatory. The chapters on the administration of Baptism and the administration of the Lord's Supper are examples of those that have constitutional authority already. This is an important issue, and giving constitutional authority to the chapter on Marriage sends a very strong message. Thus, GA decided to think on it for another year. In our culture there are very few denominations that would even consider "cementing" this language as part of their identity. I'm very grateful for the PCA's faithfulness to the Scriptures, and I hope you're encouraged by this as well.

The action that probably has the most impact on TFC is the formation of a new presbytery. GA approved the formation of the **Hills and Plains Presbytery** from portions of North Texas Presbytery and Covenant Presbytery (the one we are in). This would include 4 PCA churches from the NW portion of Arkansas along with oversight of RUF at the University of Arkansas. There are some significant advantages and some disadvantages to this change, of which both existing presbyteries have discussed at length. Although it's difficult to see specific ministries leave a presbytery, we trust this change will be helpful for the congregations in that part of the country, and consistent with the desires of the PCA to be a "grass roots" and connectional denomination. Please be in prayer for the purity and peace of the church in the formation of the Hills and Plains Presbytery.

May God be glorified in the work of his church until the King and Head of the church returns. Enjoy your summer! Swimming in the Scriptures...and at the nearest pool.

Grace and peace in abundance,

Brad

Greeters and Ushers

July 2

Josh Childress
Jim Gilchrist

July 9

Aaron Lindberg
Kurt Lueken

July 16

Ed Sartain
Gary Wheat

July 23

Kevin Breedlove
J.T. Breedlove

July 30

Howard Gorter
Lucas Gorter

Nursery Volunteers

July 2

Joy Denley

July 9

Bernadette Dempsey

July 16

Janet Gilchrist
Rebecca Gilchrist

July 23

Diane Buck

July 30

Tamara Hensley
Sophia Hensley

Liturgist

Ron Plate

Student's Spotlight

RYM Middle School Texas Recap

On Monday, June 5th, three students from TFC made the short trip to Allaso Ranch in Hawkins, TX for the annual RYM Middle School Summer Conference. This was the first of seven RYM conferences that take place throughout the summer. Other conferences for both middle and high school students are held in St. Louis, Missouri; Estes Park, Colorado; Panama City Beach, Florida; and North East, Maryland.

The theme for the 2017 summer conferences is: "God is at work, even when it feels like He's not..." Our main speaker, Rev. Kurt Cooper, walked us through the book of Jonah during our evening large group, reminding us that God is at work even when we're afraid, feel alone, feel inadequate, and even when we feel angry. I would highly commend these sermons to you. Be on the look out for a link to the sermon audio in future newsletters!

Following each large group, we had the opportunity to discuss and apply the scripture and sermon during a small group discussion time.

Each morning, we attended elective classes on a variety of topics, from insecurity, to the joy of Calvinism. I trust that these classes will be foundational in the spiritual lives of our middle school students.

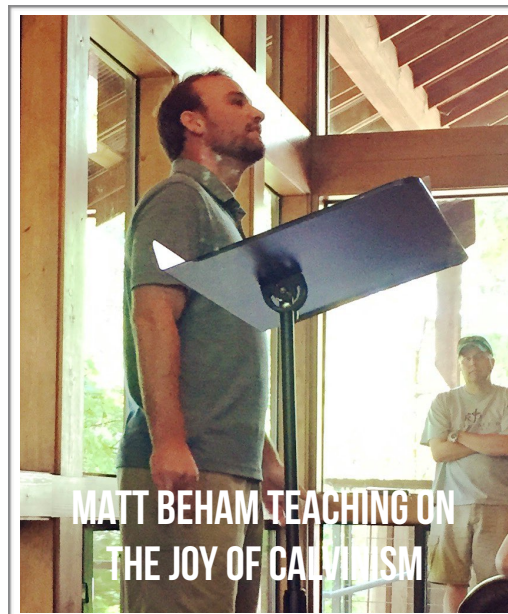
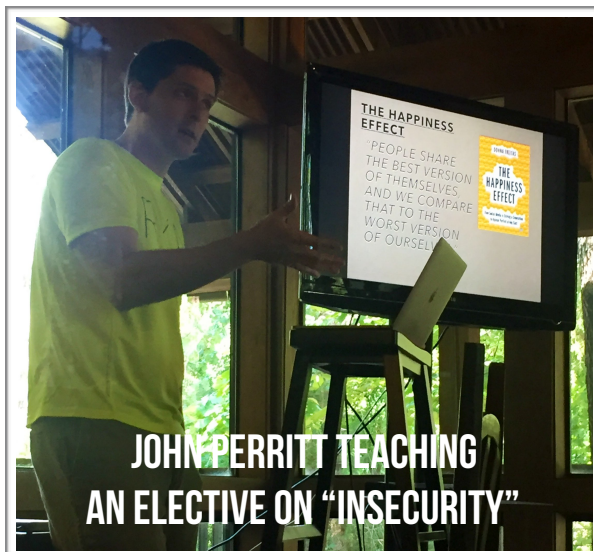
There were also ample opportunities for fun! During our first full day, we were able to ride the giant swing (with only a slight injury to our brave leader!), play a fast-paced game of paintball, and spend an hour riding horses. Other activities included zip-lining, paddle boarding, kayaking, etc. Allaso Ranch also has a full swim center with two giant slides, water volleyball and basketball, splash zone, and a (not-so) lazy river.

We closed each night with a "Round Up" activity. Activities included a game of "Ships and Sailors" (a variant of Simon Says), a pool party, a movie night complete with popcorn and punch, and a dance party. These days were long and hot, but it was ultimately a time of rest and refreshment. Thank you to all who made this trip possible.

We are always in need of adults to chaperon these summer conferences! Would you be willing to take a week out of your summer to invest in the lives of the youth of TFC? Being a chaperon for an RYM conference is not only for the benefit of the youth, but for the chaperones as well! Although I leave every summer conference physically exhausted, there is a new vigor and energy from the encouragement I receive at these conferences. I would love to invite you to join us for our 2018 RYM summer conferences.



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